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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP  
SUBJECT: DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE'S REQUEST TO MEET SAUDI  
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FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: SECDEF 142331Z JUN 77 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL, WHICH IS BEING REPEATED TO THE DEPARTMENT, INFORMS  
US OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL  
SECURITY AFFAIRS JANKA'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH SEVERAL SAUDI  
OFFICIALS IN NON-MILITARY FIELDS. AMONG THESE IS PRINCE  
SAUD AL FAISAL WITH WHOM HE WISHES TO DISCUSS "REGIONAL MATTERS  
AND THE HORN OF AFRICA."

2. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO MAKE MR. JANKA'S VISIT TO THE KINGDOM  
AS SUCCESSFUL AS POSSIBLE BUT HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT SETTING  
UP THE REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH PRINCE SAUD ON SEVERAL  
GROUNDS. FIRST, PRINCE SAUD IS VERY BUSY AND ACCESS TO HIM  
IS NOT EASY. (TWO EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS RECENTLY LEFT THE  
KINGDOM ON REASSIGNMENT WITHOUT EVER HAVING BEEN RECEIVED BY  
THE FOREIGN MINISTER.) WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO GET TO  
SEE HIM ON FAIRLY SHORT NOTICE IF NECESSARY BUT WE DON'T  
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LIKE TO MAKE TOO MANY DEMANDS ON HIS TIME.

3. THE SECOND REASON RELATES TO THE WISDOM OF MR. JANKA'S  
DISCUSSING THE HORN OF AFRICA WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER. AS  
THE DEPT KNOWS, THIS EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN REGULAR AND CLOSE  
CONSULTATION WITH THE SAG ON THIS MATTER OVER A PERIOD OF  
YEARS. IN MAY THE SENIOR DEPUTY TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS WAS HERE FOR LENGTHY AND DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER. THOUGH WE HAVE SEEN NO REPORTING, WE ASSUME THAT THE SUBJECT ALSO CAME UP IN THE COURSE OF CROWN PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT TO THE U.S. THE ONLY CIRCUMSTANCES WE CAN VISUALIZE IN WHICH IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND USEFUL FOR A DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL OF MR. JANK'S RANK TO CALL ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO DISCUSS AFRICAN MATTERS WOULD BE IN THE EVENT HE IS TO INFORM HIM OF A PREVIOUSLY REACHED POLICY DECISION ON ARMS SALES TO SOMALIA AND THE SUDAN.

4. IF THE DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH THE FOREGOING, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF THIS MATTER COULD BE STRAIGHTENED OUT IN WASHINGTON BEFORE MR. JANKA'S DEPARTURE. WE WILL TAKE NO ACTION ON HIS REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER UNTIL WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT.  
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